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1. WITH THE ARRIVAL OF PRIMIN ECEVIT IN THE US FOR THE
NATO SUMMIT AND THE SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT, TURKEY'S
ATTENTION IS RIVETED ON WASHINGTON. IN THE PRESS AND IN OUR
PRIVATE CONTACTS, ECEVIT'S ACTIVITIES AND PROSPECTS FOR THE
LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO ARE TOPICS WHICH DOMINATE. PRESS
STORIES OVER THE WEEKEND, EVEN IN LEFTIST AND GENERALLY

ANTI-US PAPERS, TENDED TO EMPHASIZE THE FEELING IN WASHINGTON THAT THE CLIMATE FOR ENDING THE ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST TURKEY AND BETTERING US/TURKISH RELATIONS HAS IMPROVED GREATLY. SOME COLUMNISTS HAVE ALSO NOTED A SLIGHT MODERATION IN ECEVIT'S RHETORIC AS PREPARATIONS WERE FINALIZED FOR THE OPENING OF THE NATO SUMMIT.

2. THE MAY 30 REPORT OF MILLIYET'S SENIOR COLUMNIST ABDI IPEKCI FROM WASHINGTON, WHERE HE HAS BEEN FOLLOWING PRE-SUMMIT AND CYPRUS-RELATED DEVELOPMENTS, IS TYPICAL OF THE UPBEAT ATTITUDE AMONG PRESS AND PUBLIC. IPEKCI WRITES THAT WHILE THERE IS NO CERTAINTY ABOUT WHEN THE ARMS EMBARGO MAY BE LIFTED, OFFICIAL AMERICAN SOURCES IN WASHINGTON HAVE ASSURED HIM:

--THERE HAS BEEN NO SLIPPAGE IN THE VALUE THE US ATTACHES TO ITS RELATIONS WITH TURKEY, AND WASHINGTON SINCERELY WANTS TO IMPROVE ITS TIES WITH TURKEY;

--THE USG IS COMMITTED TO THE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO AS A FACTOR WHICH HAS HELPED SPOIL BILATERAL RELATIONS AND MADE THE SOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM AND GREEK/TURKISH DISPUTES MORE DIFFICULT;

--THE USG WILL WORK TO LIFT THE EMBARGO BY THE END OF JUNE, AND IF THE EFFORT IS NOT SUCCESSFUL WILL DO EVERYTHING WITHIN ITS POWER TO COMPENSATE FOR THE HARMS CAUSED BY THE EMBARGO UNTIL A SUCCESSFUL EFFORT CAN BE MOUNTED; AND
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--PRESIDENT CARTER WILL SEEK TO REASSURE PRIMIN ECEVIT OF HIS ADMINISTRATION'S COMMITMENT TO IMPROVE BILATERAL RELATIONS.

3. THERE WAS LIMITED PRESS REPORTING OF THE ECEVIT/KARAMANLIS FOLLOW-UP TO THEIR EARLIER MEETING IN MONTREUX BECAUSE IT TOOK PLACE TOO LATE ON THE EVENING OF MAY 29 FOR MORE EXTENSIVE COVERAGE. PRESS NOTED THAT BOTH PRIMINS AGREED ON THE NEED TO CONTINUE THEIR DIALOGUE AND AVOID HARSH STATEMENTS WHICH HINDER ITS CONTINUATION. IN ITS MAJOR MORNING NEWS BROADCAST MAY 30, TURKISH RADIO-TELEVISION NOTED THAT THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT HAD RE-SCHEDULED THE TECHNICAL LEVEL CONSULTATIONS OF THE SECRETARIES GENERAL OF THEIR RESPECTIVE FOREIGN MINISTRIES FOR JULY 4-5 IN ANKARA.

4. IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS, WE CONTINUE TO HEAR FROM MANY SOURCES THE OPINION THAT THE EMBARGO CAN BE LIFTED IF THE ADMINISTRATION REALLY TRIES.
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